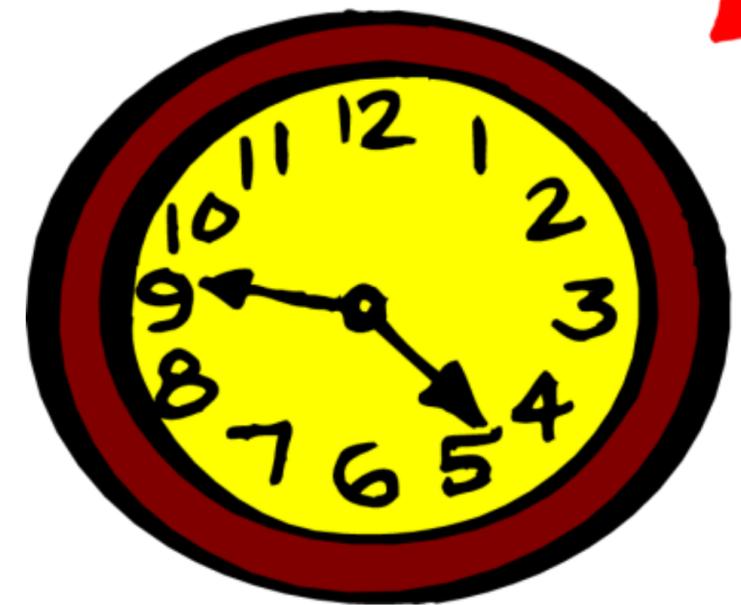


High School Counselors Workshop



Agenda

- On-site check-in & welcome
- Federal & FAFSA Updates
- Cal Grant, Dream Act, and Middle Class Scholarship Changes/Updates
- CSAC Web Grants Platform – Managing GPA Submissions & Application Completion



FAFSA Updates & Overview



Agenda

- 2015-2016 Application & Processing
- Consumer Disclosures and Initiatives
- FAFSA Changes
- FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Application & Processing

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Get help paying for college

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

www.fafsa.gov

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► Ordering Publications

High schools, libraries or non-profit counseling

- log in using your mailing list (ML) number

www.FSAPubs.gov

Enter your Institution ID (OPE/ML)

LOGIN

If you represent a postsecondary institution, enter your eight-digit Office of Postsecondary Education ID (OPEID) number for the main campus of your institution. [Be certain to include the two required trailing zeros when entering your OPEID (e.g. 123400).]

If you represent a high school, library, or nonprofit counseling center, enter your Mailing List (ML) number.

For assistance or to request an ML Number, do not hesitate to contact a customer service representative at 1-800-394-7084 or via email at orders@FSAPubs.gov.

2013-14 Counselors and Mentors Handbook on Federal Student Aid

A Guide for Those Advising Students About Financial Aid for Higher Education

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We make sure yours can get to college.

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FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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► Personal Identification Number (PIN)

Access the PIN Website



www.pin.ed.gov

Why use a PIN?

- Sign FAFSA electronically
- Access your FSA records online
- Make corrections

Who can apply?

- Students
- Parents

English | Español

Welcome to the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site

This Web site is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN.

Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree not to share it with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

Apply For A PIN

The PIN Application is for students and parents who want to apply for a Federal Student Aid PIN.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Using the PIN website

www.pin.ed.gov

Requirements:

- Social Security Number
- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Email address (*encouraged*)
- Challenge question response

A PIN will be issued upon submitting the request

Note: *A PIN will be rejected if there is no Social Security Administration match*

Allows the following PIN actions:

- Apply for a PIN
- Check PIN status
- Request a duplicate PIN
- Access/Update email address and personal information
- Change or customize PIN
- Disable, reestablish, activate PIN

Note: *Never ask for or give your PIN to anyone*

FSA ID to Replace FSA PIN!



What this means:

- New login process
- User-selected username
- User-selected password
- Replaces the FSA PIN
- Eliminates need to supply SSN and date of birth for login

***Available in Spring 2015
(after March 2nd)***

Where to use an FSA ID:

- FAFSA on the Web
- NSLDS Student Access
- StudentLoans.gov
- StudentAid.gov
- TEACH Grant website

Student Aid Report (SAR)

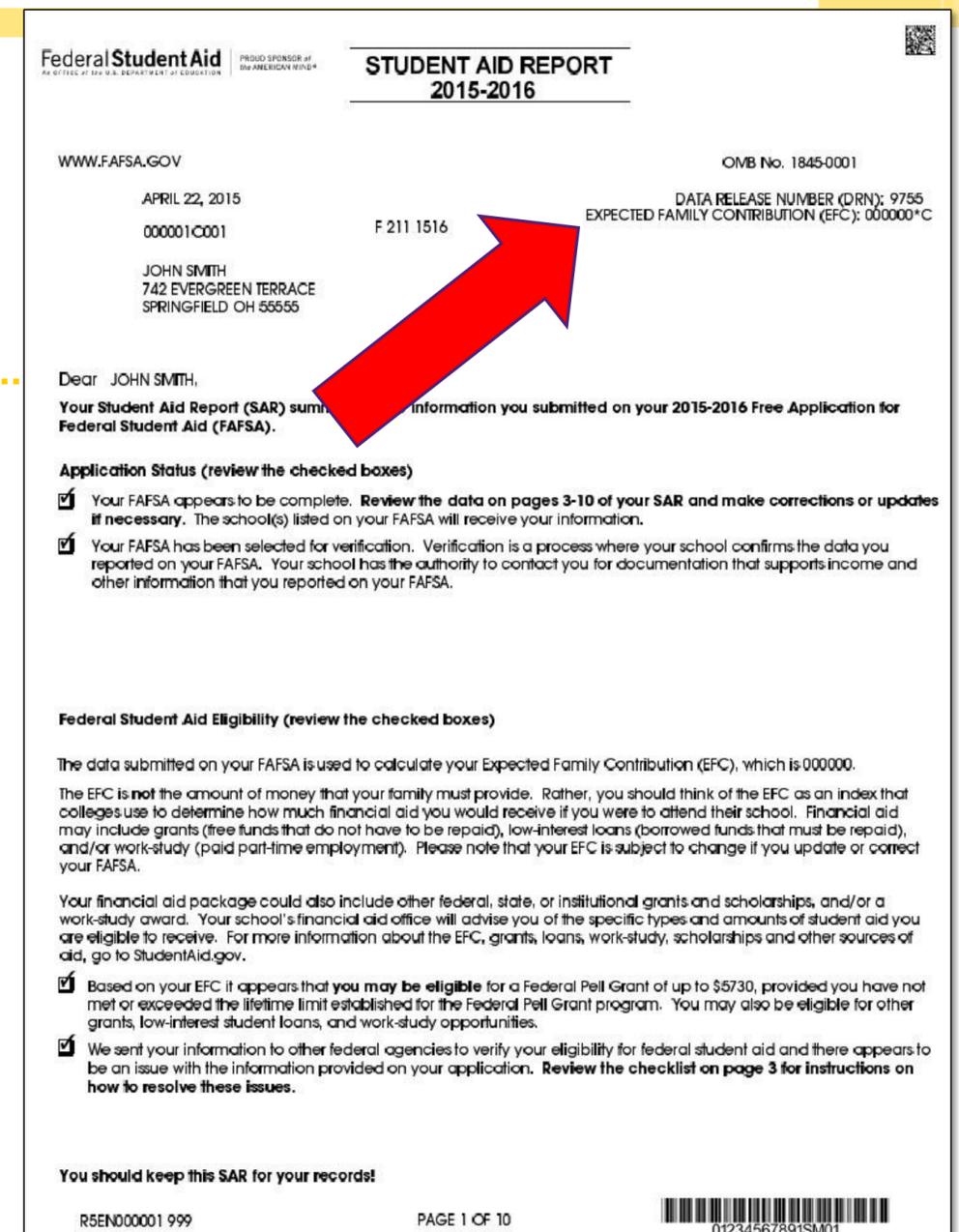
- Sent electronically or by mail
- Summarizes FAFSA information
- Displays **EFC** and **DRN**
(upper right-hand area on the SAR)

EFC - Expected Family Contribution

Used to determine eligibility for federal aid

DRN - Data Release Number

Used to send SAR to additional schools



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**STUDENT AID REPORT
2015-2016**

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APRIL 22, 2015
000001C001
JOHN SMITH
742 EVERGREEN TERRACE
SPRINGFIELD OH 55555

OMB No. 1845-0001
DATA RELEASE NUMBER (DRN): 9755
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC): 000000*0

F 211 1516

Dear JOHN SMITH,
Your Student Aid Report (SAR) summarizes information you submitted on your 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Status (review the checked boxes)

- Your FAFSA appears to be complete. Review the data on pages 3-10 of your SAR and make corrections or updates if necessary. The school(s) listed on your FAFSA will receive your information.
- Your FAFSA has been selected for verification. Verification is a process where your school confirms the data you reported on your FAFSA. Your school has the authority to contact you for documentation that supports income and other information that you reported on your FAFSA.

Federal Student Aid Eligibility (review the checked boxes)

The data submitted on your FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is 000000. The EFC is **not** the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. Financial aid may include grants (free funds that do not have to be repaid), low-interest loans (borrowed funds that must be repaid), and/or work-study (paid part-time employment). Please note that your EFC is subject to change if you update or correct your FAFSA.

Your financial aid package could also include other federal, state, or institutional grants and scholarships, and/or a work-study award. Your school's financial aid office will advise you of the specific types and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive. For more information about the EFC, grants, loans, work-study, scholarships and other sources of aid, go to StudentAid.gov.

- Based on your EFC it appears that you may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$5730, provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program. You may also be eligible for other grants, low-interest student loans, and work-study opportunities.
- We sent your information to other federal agencies to verify your eligibility for federal student aid and there appears to be an issue with the information provided on your application. Review the checklist on page 3 for instructions on how to resolve these issues.

You should keep this SAR for your records!

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Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Electronically sent within **3-5 days** if FAFSA was submitted online with a valid email address
- Electronically sent within **2 weeks** if a paper FAFSA was submitted with a valid email address
 - Filers (with a valid email address) get an email from ***Federal Student Aid*** with subject ***“FAFSA Results...”***
- Sent by U.S. Postal mail within **3 weeks** if the FAFSA (online or paper) was submitted without a valid email address

Consumer Disclosures and Initiatives



Consumer Information

- College Navigator
- College Scorecard
- Shopping Sheet
- StudentAid.gov
- FSA Social Media
- Net Price Calculator

College Navigator Tool

CollegeNavigator.gov

The screenshot shows the College Navigator website interface. At the top, the logo for the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is displayed. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, a navigation menu includes links for Publications & Products, Surveys & Programs, Data & Tools, Fast Facts, School Search, News & Events, and About Us. The main content area features the College Navigator logo and a search form with fields for Name of School, States (with a dropdown menu showing No Preference, Alabama, Alaska, and Arizona), ZIP Code, and Miles from. There are also checkboxes for Programs/Majors, Level of Award (Certificate, Bachelor's, Associate's, Advanced), and Institution Type (Public, Private non-profit, Private for-profit, 4-year, 2-year, < 2-year). A 'Show Results' button is prominently displayed. To the right of the search form, there is a large banner with the text 'Find the right college for you' and a 'Guide Me' button. Below the banner, there are several sections: 'Refine your search with More Search Options', 'College Affordability and Transparency Center', 'ADDITIONAL RESOURCES' (including Preparing for your Education, Financial Aid, and Careers), and 'Add College Navigator to your browser search bar.' The footer contains contact information for the U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, and National Center for Education Statistics, along with links to NewsFlash, Staff, Contact, Help, RSS, Privacy Policy, Statistical Standards, FedStats.gov, and ChildStats.gov. The International Year of Statistics logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

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COLLEGE Navigator

Name of School
Type name of school here

States (use map for more than 1 state)
No Preference
Alabama
Alaska
Arizona

Use Map

ZIP Code Miles from

Programs/Majors
0 Items Selected
Browse for Programs

Level of Award ?
 Certificate Associate's
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 Public 4-year
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- Save your session including search options and favorites.
- Add [College Navigator](#) to your *browser search bar*.

College Affordability and Transparency Center

Browse lists of institutions with the highest and lowest tuition & fees and net price. [» GO](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Preparing for your Education
Find out what you need to do to prepare for education beyond high school. [» GO](#)

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Deciding on a career? Consult the *bls.gov* Occupational Outlook Handbook. [» GO](#)

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF STATISTICS

College Scorecard

collegecost.ed.gov



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Welcome to the College Affordability and Transparency Center
Start here to find information about how much it costs students to attend different colleges, how fast those costs are going up, and information related to why costs are going up.

College Scorecard

College Scorecards make it easier for you to search for a college that is a good fit for you. You can use the College Scorecard to find out more about a college's affordability and value so you can make more informed decisions about which college to attend.

[Enter](#)

Net Price Calculator Center

Here you will find links to colleges' net price calculators. Net price calculators help you estimate how much colleges cost after scholarships and grants.

[Enter](#)

College Navigator

Here you can search for and compare colleges on all sorts of criteria including costs, majors offered, size of school, campus safety, and graduation rates.

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College Affordability and Transparency List

Here you will find information about tuition and net prices at postsecondary institutions. The site highlights institutions with high and low tuition and fees as well as high and low net prices (the price of attendance minus grant and scholarship aid). It also shows institutions where tuition and fees and net prices are increasing at the highest rates.

[Enter](#)

90/10 Information

Here you will find a list of for-profit (proprietary) postsecondary institutions that receive more than 90 percent of their revenues from Title IV Federal Student Aid.

[Enter](#)

State Spending Charts

Here you will find summary information on changes in state appropriations for postsecondary education, state aid for students, and tuition and fees.

[Enter](#)

Financial Aid Shopping Sheet:

For more information, go to: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/guid/secletter/120724.html>

Costs



What does it typically cost to attend Hanover College?

The average net price for undergraduate students is \$18,465 per year. Net price is what undergraduate students pay after grants and scholarships (financial aid you don't have to pay back) are subtracted from the institution's cost of attendance.

The average net price has increased 6.6%  from 2007 to 2009.

 [Click here to see listings of changes in college costs.](#)

 [Click here to go to the Net Price Calculator for a better estimate of what your costs would be.](#)

Graduation Rate



What percentage of students graduate?

70.9% of full-time students received their bachelor's degree within 6 years. Graduation rate data are based on undergraduate students who enrolled full-time and have never enrolled in college before. This may not represent all undergraduates that attend this institution.

Loan Default Rate



Are students able to repay their loans after they graduate?

3.7% of borrowers defaulted on their Federal student loans within three years of entering repayment.

Median Borrowing



What is the typical amount borrowed for a student's undergraduate study?

Families typically borrow \$21,500 in Federal loans for a student's undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately \$247.42 per month. Your borrowing may be different.

To learn about loan repayment options, go to: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans>

Employment



What kinds of jobs do students have when they graduate?

The U.S. Department of Education is working to provide information about the average earnings of former undergraduate students at Hanover College who borrowed Federal student loans. In the meantime, ask Hanover College to tell you about how many of its graduates get jobs, what kinds of jobs they get, and how much those graduates typically earn.

Visit <http://www.mynextmove.org> to explore what potential careers a particular postsecondary program or major prepares you to enter. The site has information about current earnings and potential growth in those occupations.

Shopping Sheet

- Standardized, clear, and concise format for personalized financial aid offers
- Better understanding of the costs of college before making a final decision on where to enroll
- Identifies the types and amounts of aid qualified for and allows for easy comparison of aid packages
- Consumer comparison tool
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University of the United States (UUS)
Student Name, Identifier

MM / DD / YYYY

[Download](#)

Costs in the 2014-15 year

Estimated Cost of Attendance \$X,XXX / yr

Tuition and fees	\$ X,XXX
Housing and meals	X,XXX
Books and supplies	X,XXX
Transportation	X,XXX
Other education costs	X,XXX

Grants and scholarships to pay for college

Total Grants and Scholarships (*Gift Aid; no repayment needed) \$X,XXX / yr

Grants and scholarships from your school	\$ X,XXX
Federal Pell Grant	X,XXX
Grants from your state	X,XXX
Other scholarships you can use	X,XXX

What will you pay for college

Net Costs \$X,XXX / yr
(Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

Options to pay net costs

Work options

Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional) _____ \$ X,XXX

Loan Options*

Federal Perkins Loan	\$ X,XXX
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	X,XXX
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	X,XXX

*Recommended amounts shown here. You may be eligible for a different amount. Contact your financial aid office.

Other options

Family Contribution \$X,XXX / yr
(As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.)

- Payment plan offered by the institution
- Military and/or National Service benefits
- Parent or Graduate PLUS Loans
- Non-Federal private education loan

Graduation Rate
Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 6 years

X,XX%

Low Medium High

Loan Default Rate
Percentage of borrowers entering repayment and defaulting on their loan

X,XX%

This institution

X,XX%

National

Median Borrowing
Students who borrow at UUS typically take out \$X,XXX in Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately \$X,XXX per month. Your borrowing may be different.

Repaying your loans
To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to:
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans>

For more information and next steps:
University of the United States (UUS) Financial Aid Office
123 Main Street
Anytown, ST 12345
Telephone: (123) 456-7890
E-mail: financialaid@uus.edu

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Learn how to submit your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSASM), how aid is calculated, and how you'll get your aid.



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MY LOANS?**

Choose a repayment plan, pay on time, avoid default, and get help with problems.

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TIP: Make sure that the school you attend is affordable relative to your likely earning potential.

In other words, you need to make sure that your annual salary in your new career will be high enough to cover any student loan payments you may need to make, along with covering your other living expenses, after you graduate. Find out how much certain careers pay: <http://1.usa.gov/1vMFzXn>

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Net Price Calculator

Net Price Calculator

Based on the information you have provided, the following calculations represent the average net price of attendance that students similar to you paid in the given year:



Academic Year: 2012-13

Estimated tuition and fees	\$1,220
+ Estimated room and board charges <small>(Includes rooming accommodations and meals)</small>	\$0
+ Estimated cost of books and supplies	\$1,665
+ Estimated other expenses <small>(Personal expenses, transportation, etc.)</small>	\$4,275

Estimated total cost of attendance: \$7,160

- Estimated total grant aid: \$2,674
(Includes both merit and need based grant and scholarship aid from Federal, State, or Local Governments, or the Institution)

Estimated Net Price After Grants and Scholarships: \$4,486

Grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. Some students also qualify for student loans to assist in paying this net price; however, student loans do have to be repaid.

PREVIOUS

START OVER

Please Note: The estimates above apply to full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students only.

These estimates do not represent a final determination, or actual award, of financial assistance or a final net price; they are only estimates based on cost of attendance and financial aid provided to students in 2012-13. Cost of attendance and financial aid availability change year to year. These estimates shall not be binding on the Secretary of Education, the institution of higher education, or the State.

Not all students receive financial aid. In 2012-13, 79% of our full-time students enrolling for college for the first time received grant/scholarship aid. Students may also be eligible for student loans and work-study. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to determine their eligibility for Federal financial aid that includes Federal grant, loan, or work-study assistance. For more information on applying for Federal student aid, go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

FAFSA changes for 2015-2016



Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

- On June 26, 2013 the Supreme Court struck down the section of DOMA that provided that *for purposes of federal programs*, a marriage can only be between one man and one woman
- Impacts the FAFSA
- Student (or parent) who is legally married in any domestic or foreign jurisdiction is considered married for the FAFSA

DOMA and FAFSA/CA Dream Act applications

FAFSA & CA Dream Act applications: Language is gender neutral – **Parent 1, Parent 2** as designated by filers, not processor.

FAFSA/CA Dream Act applications now collect the information of unmarried parents living together **and** parents or parent/step-parent in a legally recognized same-sex marriage.

Whose info goes on a FAFSA/ CA Dream Act application?

The FAFSA & CA Dream Act applications now use the **relationship of the parent to the student**, vs. **the legal relationship between parents** for the basis of collecting information

Relationship of Student to Parent	Includes both parents' incomes on the app?	Only includes one parent's income on the app?
Parents married, living together	YES	NO
Parents not married, living together 	YES	NO
Parent is widowed, not remarried	NO	YES
Parents are divorced or separated, not living together	NO	YES (include the parent the student lived with most during the last 12 months. If equal time, include the income and assets from the custodial parent who provided most of the student's financial support during the last 12 months)
Parent and step-parent, living together	YES	NO
Legal guardians*	NO	NO
Foster Parents*	NO	NO
Grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, or aunts*	NO	NO

"Parent" means biological/adoptive parent – **gender of biological or adoptive parents is not relevant.**

*Students living with legal guardians, foster parents, or relatives are **usually considered to be independent students**, unless adopted.

Responses on the 2015-2016 FAFSA & CA Dream Act applications

Never Married

Married or remarried

Unmarried and both parents living together

Divorced or separated

Widowed

FAFSA On The Web (FOTW)



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Using FOTW

- Ask Questions
- Browse Help
- Deadlines
- Announcements...

...and more



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A screenshot of the FAFSA website homepage. The header includes the "Federal Student Aid" logo, the text "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND™", and "FAFSA™ Free Application for Federal Student Aid". A navigation bar contains icons for Home, About Us, PIN Site, StudentAid.gov, and Help (circled in red). A search bar is on the right. The main banner reads "Get help paying for college" and "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below this are two columns: "New to the FAFSA?" with a "Start A New FAFSA" button, and "Returning User?" with a list of options (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a "Login" button. The footer contains sections for "Deadlines", "School Code Search", "FAFSA Filing Options", "Announcements", and "Thinking About College?".

FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Contact Us

- Live “chat”
- (800) 433-3243
- FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov



A screenshot of the Federal Student Aid website's help page. The page header includes the "Federal Student Aid" logo, "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND™", and "Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA™". A navigation bar contains icons for Home, About Us, PIN Site, StudentAid.gov, and Help (circled in red). Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a "FAFSA Help" section with a "Trending Questions" list. A "Browse FAQs" sidebar lists categories like General Questions, Before You Begin, IRS Data Retrieval Tool, Making Corrections, Next Steps, and Contact Us (highlighted with a red arrow). The main content area includes "Contact Us" information, "More Help Options", "Customer Service Hours of Operation", and contact methods: "Chat with Us", "Call Us", and "E-mail Us".



FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Help



- Trending Questions
- FAQs
- Search

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FAFSA Help

Trending Questions

- ▶ [I submitted my FAFSA; what happens next?](#)
- ▶ [What is the difference between a Password and PIN?](#)
- ▶ [I filled out my FAFSA and have decided to transfer/withdraw from college. What should I do?](#)
- ▶ [What is Verification?](#)
- ▶ [What if I forgot my PIN?](#)

Browse FAQs

- General Questions
- Before You Begin
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- Making Corrections

General Questions

General information about federal student aid, your eligibility for aid, the financial aid package, and more.

- ▶ [What is the FAFSA?](#)
- ▶ [Am I eligible to receive financial aid?](#)
- ▶ [What types of aid are available?](#)
- ▶ [How much financial aid am I eligible to receive?](#)

FOTW help at StudentAid.gov

The screenshot shows the StudentAid.gov website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for 'Prepare for College', 'Types of Aid', 'Who Gets Aid', 'FAFSA: Apply for Aid', and 'Repay Your Loans'. The main content area features a video player titled 'FAFSA Overview' with a play button. Below the video, there is a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) about FAFSA. To the right of the main content, there are sections for 'Quick Links' and 'Resources'. The 'Resources' section is highlighted with a yellow border and contains two links: '2014-15 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet' and 'Myths About Financial Aid'. A red arrow points to this 'Resources' section. Below the 'Resources' section is a 'Glossary' section with links for 'Federal Student Aid', 'FAFSA', and 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid'.

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Completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is the first step toward getting federal aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

We provide more than \$150 billion in grants, loans, and work-study funds each year, but you have to complete the FAFSA to see if you can get any of that money.

To apply for federal student aid, you need to complete the FAFSA® or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school.

In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid.

If you're ready to [fill out the FAFSA now](#), go for it! If you'd like more information first, we can help.

FAFSA Overview

GRANTS
LOANS
WORK-STUDY

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA

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- Why should I fill out the FAFSA?
- When do I fill out the FAFSA?
- Can I get an early estimate of my aid?
- How do I fill out the FAFSA?
- What happens after I fill out the FAFSA?

Why should I fill out the FAFSA?

Quick Links

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FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Start Here:

- Initial FAFSA
- Corrections
- Signatures
- Continuing a saved FAFSA
- Renewal FAFSA

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web (FOTW). The header includes the text "Federal Student Aid" and "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND™". Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, PIN Site, Students/Id.gov, and Help. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main heading is "Get help paying for college" with the subtext "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". Below this heading is a banner image showing a group of diverse students. The main content area is divided into two columns: "New to the FAFSA?" with a "Start A New FAFSA" button, and "Returning User?" with a "Login" button and a list of actions: "Make a correction", "Add a school", and "View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...". Below the main content area are three sections: "Deadline" with a link to "Information about your deadlines.", "School Code Search" with a link to "Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.", and "FAFSA Filing Options" with a link to "Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.". On the right side, there are "Announcements" and "Thinking About College?" sections. The footer includes links for "FOIA", "Privacy", "Security", and "Notices", and the text "© 2014 CASFAA".

FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)

Getting Started:

- Guidance
- PIN Status

The screenshot shows the FAFSA on the Web (FOTW) student dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a Home icon, a Help icon, and a user greeting: "Welcome, Jane Logout" next to a search box labeled "SEARCH". Below the navigation bar is a blue header section titled "Get Started". The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome, Jane Smith!" followed by the instruction: "Fill out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)! To receive federal student financial aid, you need to fill out a FAFSA every school year. Let's get started." A large blue button labeled "START 2015-2016 FAFSA" is prominently displayed. Below this, there is a section titled "Federal Student Aid PIN" with the status: "PIN status: No PIN - submit PIN Application" and a link labeled "Apply For A PIN". A note states: "You do not have a PIN on file. You will need a PIN to sign your FAFSA electronically or make corrections to your FAFSA." At the bottom of the dashboard, there is a blue bar with a "NEED HELP?" link. On the left side of the dashboard, the word "STUDENT" is written vertically in white text on a blue background.

FAFSA Overview: 7-Step Process



Step 1: About the Student



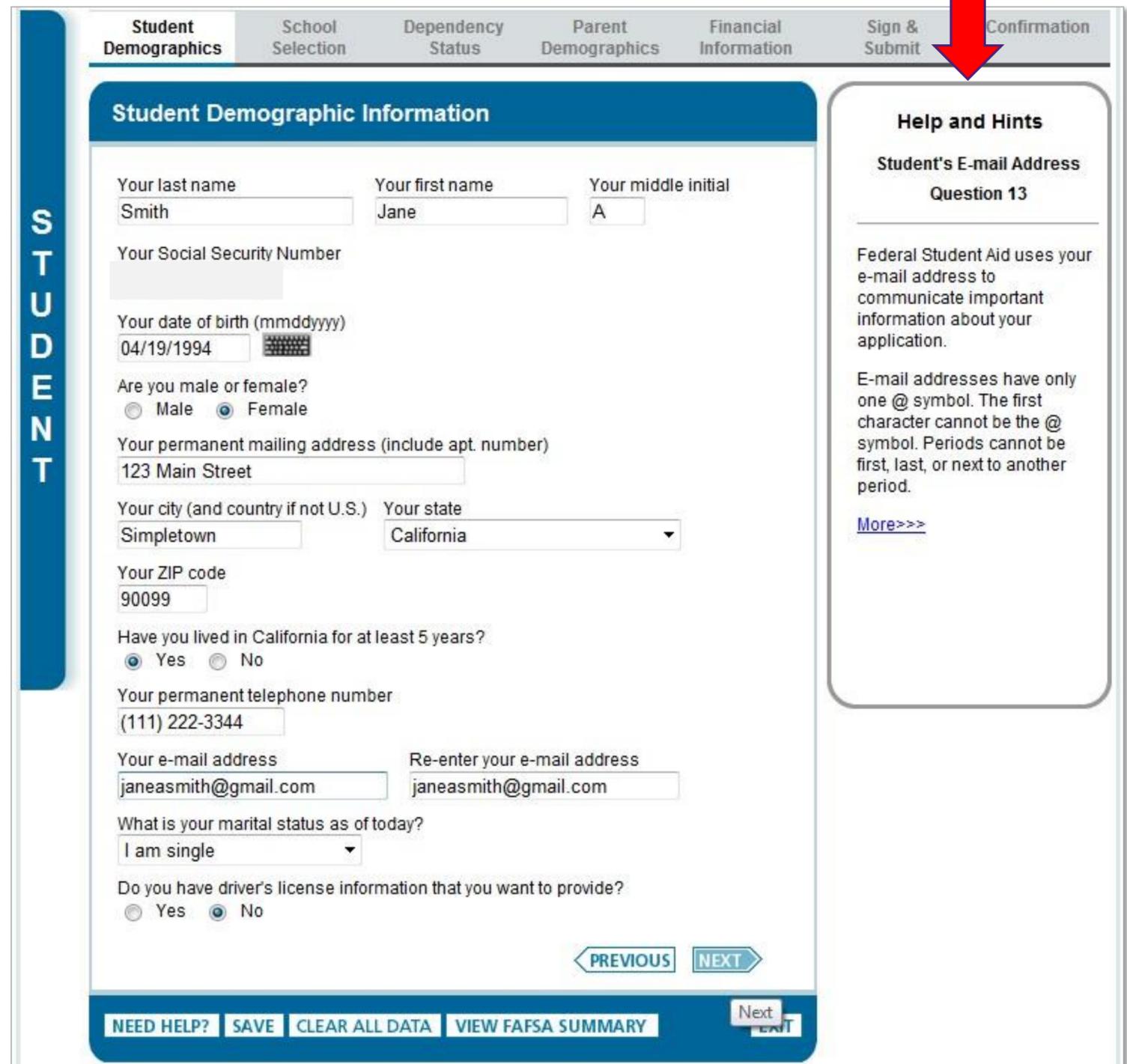
Student Demographics

Check for:

- Name matches student social security card
- Transposed numbers
- Incorrect data in numeric fields

Tip: Use the **Help and Hints** section on each page.

Simple mistakes can delay determining eligibility for aid



The screenshot shows the 'Student Demographic Information' form. A red arrow points to the 'Sign & Submit' button in the top navigation bar. The form includes the following fields:

- Student Demographic Information**
- Your last name: Smith
- Your first name: Jane
- Your middle initial: A
- Your Social Security Number: [Redacted]
- Your date of birth (mmdyyy): 04/19/1994
- Are you male or female? Male Female
- Your permanent mailing address (include apt. number): 123 Main Street
- Your city (and country if not U.S.): Simpletown
- Your state: California
- Your ZIP code: 90099
- Have you lived in California for at least 5 years? Yes No
- Your permanent telephone number: (111) 222-3344
- Your e-mail address: janeasmith@gmail.com
- Re-enter your e-mail address: janeasmith@gmail.com
- What is your marital status as of today? I am single
- Do you have driver's license information that you want to provide? Yes No

Navigation buttons: PREVIOUS, NEXT, NEED HELP?, SAVE, CLEAR ALL DATA, VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY, Next

Student Eligibility

Students with a high school diploma must:

- Identify their high school and city
- Select **Confirm** to find a match
- **Select** the school from the list *or* select **Next** to continue

The screenshot shows a web application interface for 'Student Eligibility'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Student Demographics', 'School Selection', 'Dependency Status', 'Parent Demographics', 'Financial Information', 'Sign & Submit', and 'Confirmation'. The 'Student Demographics' tab is active. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Student Eligibility continued'. On the left side of this area, there is a vertical blue bar with the word 'STUDENT' written vertically. The main form contains three input fields: 'What is the name of your high school?' with the text 'burbank', 'In what city is your high school located?' with the text 'burbank', and 'In what state is your high school located?' with a dropdown menu showing 'California'. Below these fields is a blue 'CONFIRM' button. At the bottom of the form area, there are 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer bar with buttons for 'NEED HELP?', 'SAVE', 'CLEAR ALL DATA', 'VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY', and 'EXIT'. On the right side of the form, there is a 'Help and Hints' section titled 'Student's High School Name, City, and State Question 27'. The help text reads: 'Enter the name, city, and state of the high school where you received or will receive your high school diploma. Enter as much information as possible to receive the most relevant search results. For the high school name and city, you may enter the full name or commonly accepted abbreviations or aliases. For example, you can enter'.

Step 2: School Selection



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School Selection

Add a School

- Federal School Code
- Search by:
 - State
 - City
 - Name

Housing Plans

- On campus
- With parent
- Off campus

The screenshot displays the 'School Selection' page in the FAFSA application. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation Tabs:** Student Demographics, School Selection (active), Dependency Status, Parent Demographics, Financial Information, Sign & Submit, Confirmation.
- Message:** A green checkmark icon and text: "Search successfully completed. Check the Search Results table for schools meeting your search criteria."
- Instructions:** "You can add up to 10 colleges to your FAFSA. If you know your college's school code, use the option to the right to search. If you need help finding your college, use the state (required), city (optional), and school name (optional) fields to begin your search."
- Search Fields:**
 - State: California (dropdown)
 - City: (optional)
 - School Name: northridge (optional)
 - Federal School Code: (text input)
- Buttons:** SEARCH, Search Tips, SEARCH.
- Search Results:** "Search Results: 1" with a table showing one result: CALIF STATE UNIV-NORTHRIDGE, NORTHRIDGE, CA, Federal School Code: 001153. An "ADD >>" button is next to the result.
- Selected Schools:** "Selected Schools" section with "Select up to 10 schools" and "No schools selected". A "VIEW SELECTED SCHOOL INFORMATION" button is below.
- Navigation:** "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT" buttons.
- Footer:** "NEED HELP?", "SAVE", "CLEAR ALL DATA", "VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY", "EXIT" buttons.

Step 3:

Determining Student Dependency Status

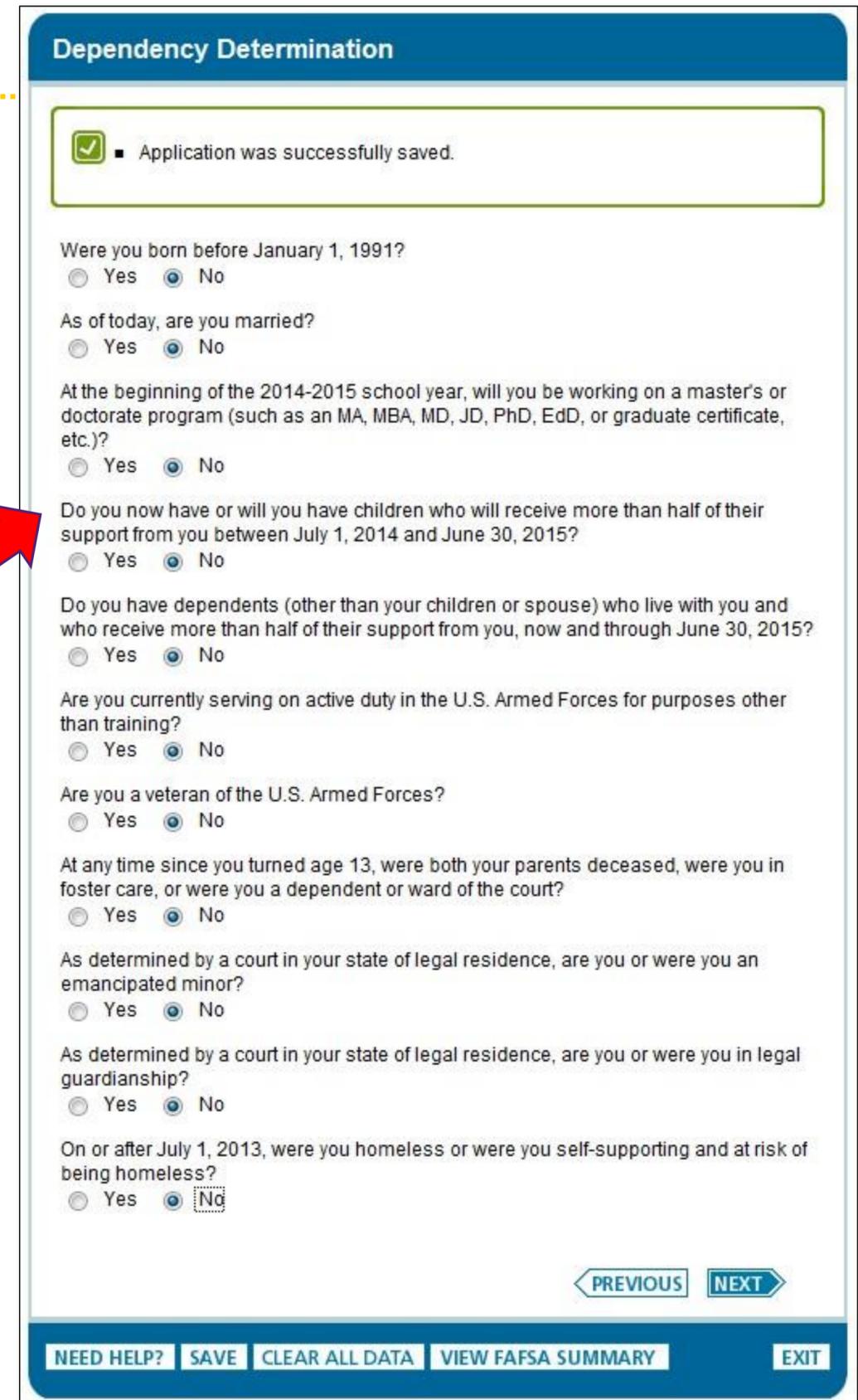


Dependency Determination

NO to all questions:

- makes the student “dependent”
- Must submit parent information

Note: child must be supported financially — *more than 50%*



Dependency Determination

Application was successfully saved.

Were you born before January 1, 1991?
 Yes No

As of today, are you married?
 Yes No

At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
 Yes No

Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015?
 Yes No

Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2015?
 Yes No

Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
 Yes No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
 Yes No

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
 Yes No

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
 Yes No

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?
 Yes No

On or after July 1, 2013, were you homeless or were you self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 Yes No

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Foster Care

Select **YES** if at any time since the student turned age **13**, he/she was in foster care even if no longer in foster care today due to:

- Adoption
- Reunification
- Reached the age of majority (18 yrs.)

Note: documentation may be required

Note: FSA will its message to foster care youth regarding potential resources available to them

Emancipated Minors

Select **YES** if the student:

- as of today, is an emancipated minor, or
- was an emancipated minor immediately before turning 18 years old

Note: Documentation issued from a court in the student's state of legal residence may be required

Legal Guardianship

YES, if....	NO, if....
Student can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today he or she is in a legal guardianship.	Student is still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect, or
Student can provide a copy of a court's decision that he or she was in a legal guardianship immediately before he or she reached the age of being an adult in his or her state.	The court decision was not in effect at the time the student became an adult.
The court was located in the state of legal residence for the student at the time the court's decision was issued.	

Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

Select **YES** if any time after July 1, 2014, the student meets all three criteria

“Homeless” or “at risk of being homeless”

- Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. Includes living in shelters, motels, cars, or temporarily living with other people because the student had nowhere else to go

“Unaccompanied”

- Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian

“Youth”

- Under 21 years of age

Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

- A student is eligible for homeless youth status if he/she meets the homeless definition and was determined to be homeless by his/her high school or school district homeless liaison, the director of a runaway or homeless youth center, or HUD
- Students who meet this criteria are **independent**

Homeless, Unaccompanied Youth

- A student is **also** eligible for homeless youth status if he/she meets the homeless definition
 - Financial Aid Office can perform determination
- Students who meet this criteria can use *FAFSA on the Web to self-identify*

Step 4: Parental Information for Dependent Students



Parent Information

- Demographics
- Marital status will determine what questions are asked of the parent(s)

Parent Demographics Information

Application was successfully saved.

As of today, what is the marital status of your legal [parents](#) (biological and/or adoptive)?
Married or Remarried

When did your parents get married or remarried? Enter the month and year. (mm/yyyy)
08/1990

What is your father's/stepfather's Social Security Number? <input type="text"/>	What is your father's/stepfather's last name? Smith
What is your father's/stepfather's first initial? J	What is your father's/stepfather's date of birth? (mm/dd/yyyy) 01/01/1970
What is your mother's/stepmother's Social Security Number? <input type="text"/>	What is your mother's/stepmother's last name? McConnell
What is your mother's/stepmother's first initial? K	What is your mother's/stepmother's date of birth? (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/18/1972

Your parents' e-mail address
JohnAndKate@ com

Re-enter your parents' e-mail address
JohnAndKate@ com

Have your parents lived in California for at least 5 years?
 Yes No

Divorced or Separated Parents

- Provide information for the parent(s) with whom the student lived with most during the last 12 months
- If the student spent equal time with both parents, use the information for the parent who provided the greatest amount of financial support for the student

Remarried Parent

Provide information about the custodial parent *and stepparent* regardless of:

- Agreement of “nonsupport”
- Prenuptial agreement
- Divorce decree designating tax filing exemptions

Note: A parent claiming the student on his or her tax return need not be the parent required to provide data on the FAFSA

NO Parental Information



Do not provide parent information for

- **Foster parent(s)**

- Student is automatically considered an independent student

- **Grandparents, other relatives, or legal guardian(s)**

- Colleges may use professional judgment to allow the student to file as an independent student
- **Exception:** Adoptive parents

Parent Information

For upcoming year

- **Household Size:**
Parent provides more than 50% financial support
- **Number in College:**
Students enrolled at least half-time

Your parents' number of family members in 2014-2015 (household size)
If you are not sure who is considered a family member, click **Household Size** to answer the questions on the worksheet.

[HOUSEHOLD SIZE](#)

How many people in your parents' household will be college students between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015? Do not include your parents.

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Parent Information

Dislocated Worker

- Lost job
- Laid off
- Self-employed/ unemployed or underemployed
- Displaced homemaker

Parent Income Information

IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- Transfers information directly from the IRS
 - Requires PIN
 - Available in February*
 - After filing tax return

*estimate

Parent Tax Information

Application was successfully saved.

For 2013, have your parents completed their IRS income tax return or another tax return?
Already completed ▾

For 2013, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?
Married-Filed Joint Return ▾

You, the parents, may be able to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) to view and transfer your tax information from the IRS.

Did you, the parents, file an amended tax return?
 Yes No

Did you, the parents, file a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return?
 Yes No

Did you, the parents, file taxes electronically in the last 3 weeks (or by mail in the last 11 weeks)?
 Yes No

Based on your response, we recommend that you, the parents, transfer your information from the IRS into this FAFSA.

Enter your PIN and click [Link To IRS](#).

Which parent are you?
Select ▾

What is your PIN?

[Apply For A PIN](#)
[I Forgot/Don't Know My PIN](#)
[LINK TO IRS](#)

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Parent Income & Asset Information

- Same questions asked of students
- Selecting a box displays additional fields to complete

Note: Asset filtering question

Untaxed Income

Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans

Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S

\$1,200 .00

IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh

Child support received

Tax exempt interest income

Untaxed portions of IRA distributions

Untaxed portions of pensions

Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military, clergy, and others

Veterans noneducation benefits

Other untaxed income not reported such as workers' compensation or disability

As of today, does the total amount of your parents' current assets exceed \$34,500.00?

Yes No

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Parent Asset Information

- Questions display if the parent or student:
 - Is not eligible for an **automatic zero EFC** or **Simplified Needs** calculation
- State Grants
 - California still requires asset information for Cal Grant purposes
 - Recommend to include information even though the Skip Logic instructs students/parents to skip the question if asset value is below the threshold

Step 5: Student Income and Assets



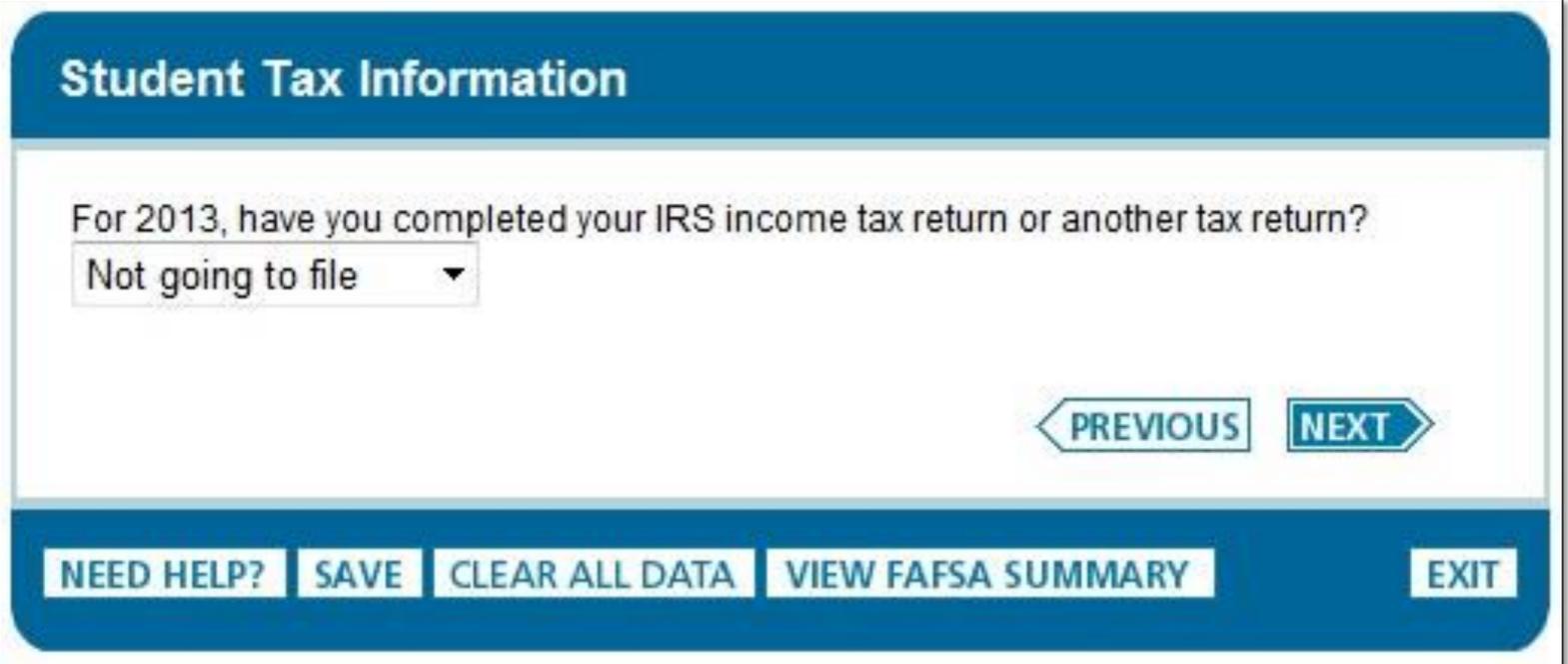
Income Reporting and Verification

Selected students and parents must submit income and asset documentation

- Using the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) (unchanged) meets verification requirements for some income information
- Otherwise, only an [IRS Tax Return Transcript](#) will meet verification requirements

Student Income and Assets

- Same questions as asked of parents
- If student will not file a tax return, they may only be asked:
 - Amount earned from work
 - Asset information



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Student Tax Information". The main question is "For 2013, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return?". Below the question is a dropdown menu with the selected option "Not going to file". To the right of the dropdown are two buttons: "PREVIOUS" and "NEXT". At the bottom of the form, there is a navigation bar with five buttons: "NEED HELP?", "SAVE", "CLEAR ALL DATA", "VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY", and "EXIT".

Step 6: Signatures and Certification



Student Sign and Submit



Select signature method

- PIN or printed signature page
- This will change when the FSA ID is enacted

Terms of Agreement

- \$\$\$ is for *education-related expenses* only
- Student is not in default on a federal student loan
- Student does not owe a refund of a federal Title IV grant
- Can receive Federal Pell Grant from only one college at a time
- Agree to provide tax information upon request

Parent Sign and Submit



Select signature method

- PIN or printed signature page
- This will change when the FSA ID is enacted

Terms of Agreement

- Provide documents to verify accuracy of information
- IRS verification

Parent Signature

Are you signing as the student's Father/Stepfather, or Mother/Stepmother?
 Father/Stepfather Mother/Stepmother

Information about the Father/Stepfather:

Father's/Stepfather's Social Security Number

Father's/Stepfather's last name

Father's/Stepfather's date of birth

What is your (the parent's) PIN?
[Apply For A PIN](#)
[I Forgot/Don't Know My PIN](#)

[Other options to sign and submit](#)

READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

1. to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form
2. to provide U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file.

You also certify that you understand that the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on your application with the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

If you sign this application or any document related to the federal student aid programs electronically using a PIN, you certify that you are the person identified by the PIN and have not disclosed that PIN to anyone else. If you purposely give false

Terms of Agreement - Parent
 Agree Disagree

Step 7: Confirmation



Confirmation Page

- Confirmation #
- DRN
- Optional feature: transfer FAFSA data
- Eligibility information
- College information
- Next steps

2015-2016 Confirmation Page

Confirmation Number: F 04422458705 10/03/2011 16:09:26
Data Release Number (DRN): 9999

Congratulations, Jane! Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid. You should print this page for your records.

 **Optional Feature - Transfer your parents' information into another FAFSA** - Do your parents need to complete a FAFSA for your brother or sister? Click [here](#) and all the information your parents provided in this application will be transferred to a new FAFSA. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

 **Eligibility Information** You may be eligible to receive the following:

Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = 99999
The EFC is an index that schools use to determine your eligibility and is not the amount of money that you have to pay. Your school's financial aid office will use your EFC to determine the specific types and amounts of student aid you are eligible to receive.

Pell Grant Estimate - \$1,600.00
Direct Stafford Loan Estimate - \$5,500.00
You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

 **College Rates**
The table shows the [graduation, retention, and transfer rates](#) for the schools you selected. Go to the College Navigator Web site at www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator for complete information.

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate
PALOMAR COLLEGE	24%	69%	13%

 **Next Steps**
The colleges you listed will have access to your FAFSA information once your application is processed. For more information about student aid go to www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/aidinfo. Return to *FAFSA on the Web* at any time to check the status of your application, or to make corrections or changes.

Questions?



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Must-Have FAFSA Resource

- Maximize eligibility for student aid
- Avoid common errors
- Complete the form quickly, easily and accurately
- **FREE** download at <http://www.edvisors.com/fafsa/book/direct/>

